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SUBJECT: CWC: GUIDANCE REQUEST FOR CONTACT WITH THE IRANIAN VICE CHAIRMAN FOR FINANCIAL ISSUES AT THE OPCW

REF: A. THE HAGUE 452  
[¶](#)B. THE HAGUE 557  
[¶](#)C. STATE 93941

This is CWC-53-09

[¶](#)1. (U) This is an action request: see para 3.

[¶](#)2. (SBU) During the July session of the OPCW's Executive Council (EC), Delrep Granger was elected to chair consultations on financial matters (ref A). Also with the new leadership of the Executive Council that began in July, Iran, representing the Asian Group, holds the EC Vice-Chair for Administrative and Financial Matters. As reported in Ref B, new Iranian Deputy Permanent Representative Mahmoud Esfananinejad has stated his intention to take on the role of Vice-Chairperson actively.

[¶](#)3. (SBU) Given that Delrep's consultations fall under the Vice-Chairperson for Administrative and Financial Matters, Delrep is required to report to Esfananinejad and to work with members of the Iranian delegation in reporting back to the EC on progress made in the consultations. Therefore, Del requests Department guidance on how Delrep may communicate and interact with members of the Iranian Delegation to the OPCW to fulfill his mandate.

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